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NEWS RELEASE

DATE: January 13, 2015

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Man Shot in Friday Evening Traffic Stop Identified

Date/Time: Friday, January 09, 2015 @ 9:49 p.m.

Location: 4400 block of Tetons

Vehicle: Dodge, 4 door, grey in color

Driver: Male

Passenger: 33-year old Andy Martinez of the 4100 blk Nashville (**DECEASED**)
Officer: 2-year veteran Female Officer of Northeast Regional Command Center

EL PASO, TEXAS – The Crimes Against Persons Unit has identified the man who drew a handgun on Northeast Officers conducting a traffic stop as 33-year old Andy Martinez of the 4100 block of Nashville. Martinez was the passenger inside a Dodge Charger that was stopped with expired temporary Texas registration Friday, January 9, 2014 in the 4400 block of Tetons. CAP has confirmed that Martinez was wanted on charges out of Arizona for Probation Violation Transport Controlled Substance (Narcotics). Our local District Attorney presents all officer involved shootings to a grand jury. Therefore, the identity of the officer will not be released until after the grand jury decision.

<u>History – Friday, 01-09-2015</u>

El Paso, TX. - A front seat passenger of a vehicle stopped by Northeast Patrol Officers is shot Friday evening after exiting the vehicle with a handgun. Officers stopped a grey Dodge sedan at 9:49 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2015 in the 4400 block of Tetons for a traffic violation (expired registration). As one officer (did not discharge weapon) was conducting the traffic interview with the driver (male, uninjured) of the vehicle the front seat passenger (male, deceased) began to exit the vehicle while drawing a handgun. The second officer began to give commands to the passenger to drop the weapon. The male passenger refused to obey the commands, continued to draw the weapon, and began to yell at the officer. The officer discharged the duty weapon striking the passenger. The male passenger died at the scene. The passenger has not been positively identified. The passenger's handgun was recovered at the scene. As in all Officer Involved Shootings, the Department's Crimes Against Persons Unit, Shooting Review Team and the Texas Rangers are investigation the shooting. The completed investigation will be forwarded to the District Attorney's for review and presentation to a Grand Jury.

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